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## PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

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### UNITED STATES.

*Passengers from Habana admitted at southern ports on certificate of five days' medical observation at Tricornia quarantine station.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf, at Louisiana quarantine, was instructed June 12 by the Bureau:

Passengers arriving from Habana bearing certificates service officer that they have been detained under medical observation at Tricornia for five days preceding embarkation, and all well on arrival, may be passed without detention at southern quarantines.

This information was sent on the same date to the service quarantine officers at Mobile, Ala.; Tampa, Fla.; Cape Charles, Va.; Key West, Fla.; Charleston, S. C.; Savannah, Ga.; Brunswick, Ga.; Biloxi, Miss.; and to Surgeon White at New Orleans, La., the State health officers of Florida and Texas, and the health officer at Mobile, Ala.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Correspondence relative to plague death at Marine Hospital, San Francisco, Cal.*

The following is received from Surgeon Austin:

May 26. Patient from local steam tug admitted to hospital evening May 23, died suddenly this morning. Autopsy and microscopic examination, very suspicious, plague. Long and Currie confirm this report.

May 28. Surgeon Austin was directed by the Bureau:

If case proves to be plague, trace as far as possible. The tug should be fumigated at quarantine.

May 29 the following was received from Surgeon Austin:

Investigation of the antecedents of O. T., the patient who died at this hospital of suspected plague, has developed the following facts:

O. T. was employed as a sailor on the steam tug *Wizard* from March 7 to May 23, and the vessel was in the harbor at San Francisco from April 27 to May 27. During this time O. T. and other members of the crew took their meals ashore. This information I immediately reported to the board of health, and I have been informed by the board that they have disinfected the building where the patient took his meals, and also that they are destroying rats in the neighborhood, at pier 15, where the boat lay, and at certain resorts in Chinatown, which it is known that the patient frequented.